

SCHOOLBOY TENNIS LEAGUE WILL PLAY UNDER ACADEMIC RULES—LIVE BOXING GOSSIP

WILLARD-MORAN GO BIGGER GAMBLE FOR RICKARD THAN JOHNSON-JEFFRIES AFFAIR

Gate Must Take In at Least \$77,500 Before Winning Money Can Be Counted—Fans Will See Not What They Expect

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

WHEN Tex Rickard hung up that \$100,000 purse for the Jeffries-Johnson contest on July 4, 1910, it was freely predicted that he would spend the remaining days of his life in the poorhouse. He was expected to go broke with a terrific smash for no battle in history ever drew a gate large enough to take care of the guarantee. However, Tex got by with it and his success gave him courage to try his hand in other big events.

Rickard purchased the right to stage the Willard-Moran battle in New York for \$75,000. Some say it is \$60,000, but according to reports from Chicago, the larger amount wins. The bout will be held indoors on March 17. It will be held in the big city, the building to some place in the city.

It looks to us that Tex is taking a bigger chance with this match than he did with the Jeffries-Johnson affair. Advertisements and other expenses will total \$100,000 which is quite a little bundle of money to put up for a 10-round no-decision scrap. The Dear Old Public will be allowed to pay the bills and the tax will be from \$5 to \$25 per seat. And the funny part of it all is that the D. O. P. fans will fall and fall hard.

Barnum Erred Barnum seems to have made an error, so far as New York is concerned, when he pulled that truisim about "one being born every minute." According to the form displayed in the past, one needs a split-second watch to knock this notable event where one man gets \$150,000 per minute and the other \$600,000 for the same length of time; but a 10-round bout between Willard and Moran will be a big fight. Both men are slow and neither is aggressive, and the chances are that each will try to outwait the other. While they are doing this, the D. O. P. will be looking on at \$5 to \$25 per seat and wonder why they didn't raise their boys to be prize fighters. Ten disappointing rounds are in prospect, and Willard will draw down \$175,000, and Moran will be placed in the boxers' hands the day before the fight.

All of which goes to show that Tex Rickard will be a very lucky person if he emerges from this mess with a big bankroll. If both men were fast, if both could put up a fine boxing exhibition, it might be worth the price of admission to see the pair in action. But the odds are against it. The boxers over the 10-round no-decision route, where the spectators will get little action for their money. Both are husky and able to travel 10 rounds without feeling any fatigue. It will be impossible for one man to wear the other down in such a short battle, so the only chance for a knockout will be a lucky punch—and that doesn't seem likely.

The public expects to see a regular slug-bang battle for the heavyweight championship of the world. It expects to see the big men stand toe to toe and slug away until a stop-producing wallop has been administered. But that's not what they expect. What they'll get is another matter.

Proper Dope Old Grant Rice sprung the proper dope when he suggested that the boxers be allowed to box 10 or 15 rounds in the basement before the show goes on, and then step into the ring to finish it. A 10-round battle will be too short. Rickard and his associates expect a \$100,000 house on March 17. But where will they find a place big enough to handle a large crowd? It's too early to state the bout outdoors. Madison Square Garden has been rented for that night, and the State armories are out of the question. The only thing left for Rickard to do is to emulate Billy Sunday and build a tabernacle. And then the Fire Department would step in and read the regulations regarding the construction of buildings.

In the meantime Jack Curley is wearing a broad smile, and Jack Dillon has been forgotten. Mr. Curley had no trouble with Tom Jones in Chicago yesterday when the match was made. He did not stand in the way when the bid soared to \$250. It is said that Jack, being interested in Willard to the extent of 10 per cent of his earnings, was glad to let the other fellows take the fight when he found what they were offering. It was thought that the Dillon match was announced to raise the bid for Rickard. If such was the case, it was a howling success.

Willard-Moran Fight Facts
Bout will be held in New York March 17.
Willard will receive \$47,500 and \$1 per cent on the movie.
This is at the rate of \$1583.33 a minute for the 10-round bout.
Frank Moran will receive \$20,000, or \$2,000 a minute.
Tickets will be sold at \$5 to \$25.
Fifteen thousand are expected to see the contest.
Willard will have the advantage in weight and reach.
Willard begins training in Chicago today. He will continue preliminary work there. Moran will train near New York.

Dunn's Bluff Called
Al Herford, of Baltimore, former manager of Joe Gans, called Jimmy Dunn's bluff yesterday when he offered \$10,000 for the Kilbane-Chaney battle. It will be recalled that Dunn objected to the original match because Chaney's manager was interested in the club and wanted an outside to stage the bout. The Olympia A. A. offered \$5000 for six rounds in Philadelphia and Jack O'Brien was ready with a \$7000 bid for Norristown. Now that huge purses seem to be the proper thing in the boxing game, it is believed that an offer from New York will be awaited until final arrangements are made.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS
Local devotees of boxing again will have the choice of two shows tonight. The windows at the Quaker City A. A. will bring together Harry Kelly and Joe Jeffries—boxer vs. fighter. Tommy Lawrence, a professional "come back" at the Nonpareil with Preston Brown, will be the main attraction.

Amateur Boxing Bouts are staged bi-weekly by Johnny Eckhardt, at the People's Theatre.
Louisiana made a tremendous hit in his ten-round match with Benny Chavez in Kansas City the other night. The referee declared the bout a draw because of a sensational rally by Louisiana in the final frame. He dropped the Mexican in the tenth, but Chavez regained his feet without taking a count.

Johnny Burns has started negotiations with promoters in St. Paul for the purpose of fighting Joe Barry with Mike Sincich, one of three bouts the Phantom is booked for. Burns expects never to have trouble with his left hand again and hopes to keep busy.

Hines caused Johnny Nelson to turn down two matches. He would have met Mickey Dunlop at Futaville the other night and his services were wanted for the National Club program this week.
It took Jack McCalligan more than a month to clinch the Marty Farrell-Ted Lewis bout, scheduled for the National Club tomorrow night. First the New Yorker was unable to get through with the match because of a swollen ear, and later the Briton held out for a big purse. The set-to finally materialized after much dickering.

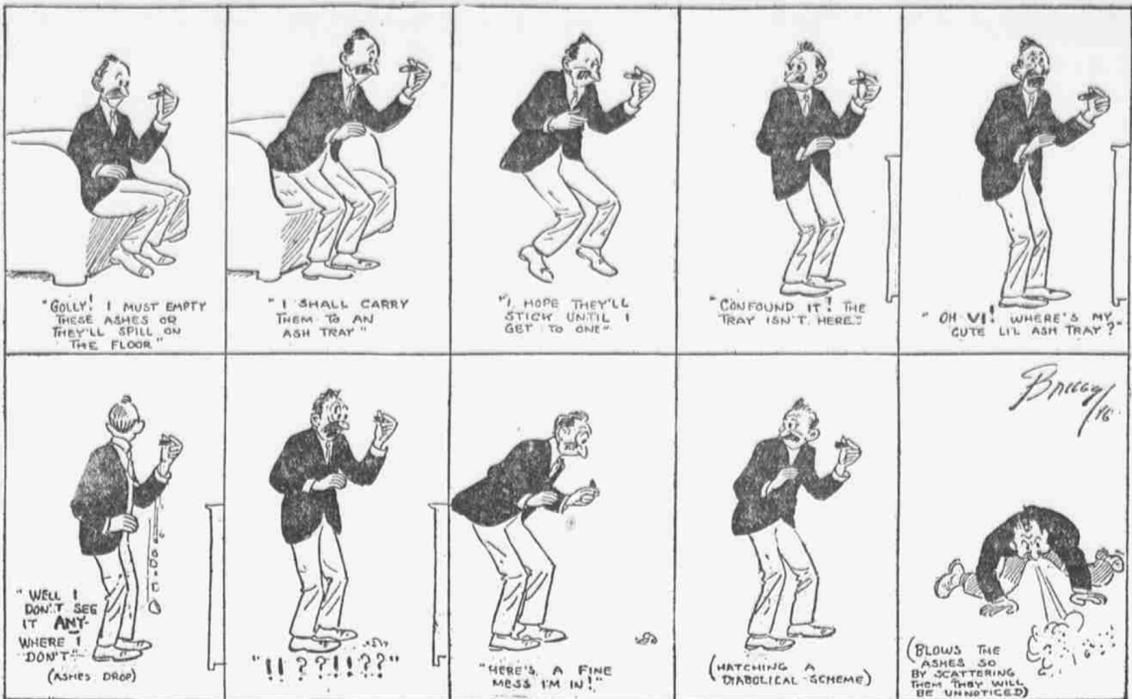
Jimmy Murphy never trained more faithfully for a bout than he is doing for his return engagement with Johnny Dundee, at the Olympia Monday night. Murphy is sparring daily with Bobby Reynolds, conceded to be the fastest boxer here, and, as speed is Dundee's mainstay, Jimmy is preparing himself for a hurricane battle.

Claims for \$1402 in loans, traveling and wardrobe expenses have been brought against Frank Moran by Dan McKetrick, who took the Pittsburgher abroad last year. McKetrick moved out to make Moran's share of the receipts the night he boxed Jim Coffey, but Frank outgambled him by demanding his purse before he entered the ring.

The scheduled banquet host between Arthur Simons and Eddie Coulton in New Orleans Monday night was cancelled by the promoter because the two men are a boxer to dictate to him when Simons wanted to limit the number of complimentary tickets.

Ruck Fleming is training daily awaiting definite arrangements for his ten-round 15-round match with Eddie McAndrews at Norristown.
The next bout looked for Eddie Revere will take place, Shenandoah in combat with Knockout Brennan, of Buffalo, February 18. Revere will be matched with a boxer to do for a big purse. The set-to finally materialized after much dickering.

A VERY MOVING PICTURE OF A MAN IN NEED OF AN ASH TRAY



INDUSTRIAL FIVES ARE DEADLOCKED IN THREE PLACES

Kerr and Simindinger, Eastern Leaders, to Aid W. E. Against Budds

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Club	P.C.	W.	L.	T.
Western Electric	10	4	1	5
E. G. Budd	10	4	1	5
A. G. Johnson	10	4	1	5
Standard Roller	10	4	1	5
Electric Storage	10	4	1	5
American Pulley	10	4	1	5
National Circuit	10	4	1	5

"Blame be the tie that binds!" Instead of the semi-annual nucleus opening up gaps among the eight teams in the Industrial League, they are drawing them closer together. Prior to last night's games at the Quaker City A. C. there were two teams, Hale & Kilburn and National Circuit, deadlocked for seventh position; following last night's games the tallenders are not only on a par for seventh place, but Western Electric and E. G. Budd are tied for first and J. & J. Dobson and Standard Roller bearing have their horns locked for third.

In completely outclassing Electric Storage last night, 46 to 21, E. G. Budd again drew up on even terms with Western Electric for leadership in the industrial circuit. Western Electric remained idle. In the other conflict, which was the best of the two, Standard Roller defeated J. & J. Dobson in a thriller, that terminated 25 to 18, and incidentally caused a dead heat for the third rung with Dobson.
It is a common occurrence, these days ever since the league made its debut last November ties have figured in the standings of the clubs.
The spell will crack next Tuesday night, however. No matter who wins in the Western Electric-E. G. Budd and Hale & Kilburn-Standard Roller games, a tie cannot be the immediate result. But the tradition of the league must be upheld, and there is no telling what will happen after the games on the following Thursday.

As a sudden upshot of the sensational race for first place it was freely rumored among the wise ones last night that Western Electric for its important game with the Budds will next Tuesday night adopt the policy of win-at-any-price. The Electric will incorporate in their lineup two well-known Eastern League players, former members of the Western Electric aggregation. They are Dave Kerr and St. Simindinger, now signed with Reading and Trenton, respectively.

Penn State, 35; Carnegie Tech, 24
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 4.—Penn State and Carnegie Tech basketball teams indulged in a rough game last night, the visitors winning by a score of 35 to 24. Mackley's foul shooting was the feature.
OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Hainbridge Monday Night—8:30 Sharp
TERRY KETCHEL vs. FRANKIE CLARKE
MURPHY BROWN vs. JIMMY MCCABE
SALLOP SMUEY vs. YOUNG PALMER
CHARLEY MCCARTHY vs. JOE WELSH
Jimmy Murphy vs. Johnny Dundee
Adm. 25c. Bal. Res. 50c. Arena Res. 75c. 81.
ANOTHER GREAT SHOW
National A. C. Jack McCalligan, Prop. Tomorrow Night—Tomorrow Night
Ted Lewis vs. Marty Farrell
Fatsy Blue vs. Fighting Bob
Johnny Mayo vs. Jimmy Jarvis
Young Sandow vs. Willie Hanson
Al Wagner vs. Young Gilen

BAKER'S BAT TO BE IDLE AGAIN IN MAJOR BASEBALL

By GRANTLAND RICE

Ode to February
O festive month that ends the drought of winter's non-elastic dope—
When once again the Dutch swings south
And pop-eyed legs no longer snipe;
When there is something more than junk
To fill the ever-gauging space,
And all this snow-encrusted bunk
No longer staves one in the face.

O Big League month of rare repulse,
Here's luck at you both aft and fore;
Come on, jam in the Bush reerit
And skid along into the score;
What matter if the same old stuff
Brings back again the same old sneer,
Come on and don't this winter stuff
And disunite the atmosphere.

We have forgotten the exact figures of the Matheson-Brown debate, but we recall that of all their meetings Brown was ahead. Not that Brownie, as great as he was, had anything on Matty as a server of elusive stuff, but when the three-fingered star was doing most of his pitching, from 1905 to 1910, he happened to be working in conjunction with such people as Chance, Evers, Tinker, Steinfeldt, Schulte, Slagle, Hofman, Sheekard and Kling.

Brownie is at least three years older than Matty, and last season while the Giant premier was sagging badly the old Cub was winning 60 per cent of his games. But 1915 happened to be Matty's one-off year.

Mack and Baker
If Frank Baker expects Connie Mack to yield finally and give up \$10,000 of the purchase price the Trappe slugger will be forced to daily outside the fold for many a crimson moon.

Mack makes a large part of his 1915 cave-in on Baker, and so feels accordingly. He had no idea of wrecking his machine when he let Collins go, but expected still to have a fine infield with Melins, Lajoie, Barry and Baker. When Baker refused to fulfill his contract, and thereby broke up the infield, Mack decided to have a housecleaning, and so let Barry go. But if Baker had reported Barry would still be a member of the Athletics' lineup. So John Franklin's chance of collecting

BALTIMORE CLUB OBJECTS TO DISMISSAL OF FED SUIT

Outlaws' Lawyer Contests Motion Made by National Commish

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The Baltimore club, of the Federal League, presented objections to organized baseball's motion to dismiss the famous Federal League suit, when counsel for the organized league moved to dismiss the suit in Judge Landis' court.

F. L. Schwartz, of St. Louis, representing the Federal League interests, contested Attorney George W. Miller's motion, made on behalf of the National Commission.

Moore Defeat Young Men's League
QUAKERTOWN, Pa., Feb. 4.—In a Town League game Moore defeated the Young Men's League by a score of 25 to 18.



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